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Title: Use of Non-Peptidyl Compounds  
For The Treatment of Insulin-Related  
Ailments  
Group Art Unit: 1614  
Examiner: H. Robinson

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §§ 1.111 AND 1.115

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In an Official action dated November 29, 2002, the Patent Office rejected claims 1-17 and 20-31 variously under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. This amendment is timely filed within a one month extension of time extending the deadline for response to March 29, 2003. As March 29<sup>th</sup> fell on a Saturday, this response is timely filed on Monday, March 31, 2003. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall, Gerstein, and Borun account number 13-2855. In light of the amendments and remarks presented below, the applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and favorable reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.

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